



Lab sets new record for waste volume removed

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The LANL Transuranic (TRU) Waste Program has met its commitment to ship 800 cubic meters of TRU waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) during fiscal year 2012. This sets a new record for the volume of TRU waste removed for permanent disposal in a single year.

“The credit for accomplishing this important milestone goes to the many team members who made it possible,” said Lee Bishop, TRU waste manager at the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Los Alamos Site Office. “A lot of people worked together to make this happen, including our partners at the State of New Mexico and WIPP, as well as NNSA, the Los Alamos Site Office, and the Laboratory.”

In the process, the Laboratory set records for both the volume of transuranic waste removed and the number of shipments sent to WIPP in a single year. Even with just under a week left to go in the fiscal year, 806 cubic meters of the waste were removed,

and 220 shipments were sent to WIPP. The data represents the fourth year in a row that the Lab has set new LANL records for TRU waste shipments.

Next year, the Lab plans to more than double the volume and number of shipments.

The work was performed safely, with 800,000 safe job hours and 264 safe working days consecutively accumulated.

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